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MEMORANDUM

TO : Addressees (See next page)

Date: 18 November 1952

FROM : Chief, EE/FI/O

THROUGH: EE/FI/PO

SUBJECT: Review of KIBITZ

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DATE: 5/5/11 REVIEWER: C C

1. Attached memorandum, prepared by [] is a careful study of the KIBITZ complex in Western Germany, which constitutes the total FI stay-behind planning there. The analysis was studied both by me and [], the case officer on this project on the German Desk, and we both agree thoroughly with the findings made by []. Copies of this review are being passed to addressees for comment, and it is requested that Chief of Training make available [] for a trip to the field in order to analyze this operation on the spot and come up with recommendations for its continuance and/or partial transfer to the German Government.

2. Three weeks ago, a copy of this review was sent to Germany to help along a similar review being handled there, which will take into consideration the changed political situation affecting this type of operation in Germany. It is anticipated that Germany will give us their first reaction to this review in the near future, at which time it will be passed to addressees.

3. As mentioned above, I consider it necessary for somebody to visit Germany on a three-month TDY from Headquarters to give an objective analysis of the KIBITZ operation and take some of the executive action necessary and bring it down to size, both manageable and secure. Due to []'s present work on this problem, his training and his long years of experience in the German field, I believe he is ideally suited for this job, and Training would greatly profit by his on-the-spot experience. I would recommend that [] be made available for this trip around the first of the year, at which time the field's reactions and plans will have arrived.

4. The political situation has changed since this review was made, and the one alternative which we will have to consider, and which was not mentioned in this review, is clearing certain parts of KIBITZ with the German Government and continuing to run it as a U.S.-sponsored stay-behind activity with German Government clearance.

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5. Request comments and suggestions on the review in this endorsement and request specifically Chief of Training's approval to send
□ □ on three-month TDY to Germany.

Incl.

Peter Sichel

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